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### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In complete and timely response to the Office Action mailed 6 November 2001, in which restriction between the allegedly separate inventions of (I) claims 1, 3-9, 18-19, and 21, for a composition comprising a non-retinoid, non-antioxidant inhibitor of a matrix-degrading enzyme, (II) claim 20, for a composition comprising a neutrophil elastase inhibitor and another active ingredient, and (III) claims 10-17, for a method comprising both oral and topical administration of active ingredients, Applicants elect, without traverse, claims 1, 3-9, 18-19, and 21 of Group I for examination.

Prior to addressing the substance of the Examiner's communication, please amend the application as follows, the amendments also shown in the appendix in marked-up form:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

18. The method of claim 10, wherein the inhibitor is a direct MMP inhibitor.